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Economic Reporting on the Soviet Zone of Germany

Reference: Copy of D/R Report of 15 August 1950, Subject as Above

1. The paucity of economic intelligence on the Soviet Zone of Germany has recently become an increasingly grave problem. This Office has therefore initiated various remedial steps and currently has a responsible representative with HICOG for temporary duty addressing himself to this problem.

2. The enclosure hereto summarizes the dilemma of the estimator in this field and cites specific examples of even basic data that either is not received or not timely when received.

3. While it is realized that this may be due in part to a progressive [redacted] the enclosure is forwarded with the dual aim of emphasizing the urgency of the problem and of supporting your collection efforts with all possible consumer tailored weight and direction. To that end Chief, Western Europe Division, ORE is prepared to amplify and fill in for your representatives data that may be required for any corrective measures you are able to undertake.

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